

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Following the amendments, claims 30-54, 57-62, 64 and 65 are pending in the application, with claims 30-32, 40, 48, 50, 51, 54, 58 and 65 being in independent format.

A substitute sequence listing is submitted herewith. The sequence listing has been amended to add SEQ ID NO: 74, which is disclosed in Fig. 18 of the application as originally filed, and to correct SEQ ID NO: 36 to correspond to the sequence provided in Fig. 10 as originally filed.

The specification has been amended to include the required SEQ ID NOs, to include the sub-headings required under US practice, and to correct minor typographical errors.


Claims 55, 56 and 63 have been cancelled from the application. Claims 33, 35, 41, 44 and 48 have been amended to replace reference to Figures with specific SEQ ID NOs and to correct minor typographical errors. In addition, the recitation of sequences having at least 95% identity to the specifically claimed SEQ ID NOs has been added to claims 33, 35 and 48. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 15 of the application as originally filed (paragraph 0049 of the published US application). Claims 40, 42, 50 and 52 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and to conform the claims to US practice. Claims 57-62 have been amended from the so-called "Swiss-type" format to method of treatment claims.

It is urged that support for all the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed and that none of the amendments constitute new matter. Applicants further submit that the above amendments are not being made for reasons of patentability and therefore do not give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

A Request for a Three Month Extension of Time for responding to the Notice to Comply mailed July 21, 2008, is submitted herewith, together with a Power of Attorney and Change in Correspondence Address.

Early consideration and allowance of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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